

The Value of Model Care

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Mr. Vogt (assumed name) came to our clinic his late 60s after both he and his wife became concerned about his forgetfulness. He was doing well in most respects including his hobby of restoring antique cars, but he was repeating himself and forgetting what was said after even a few minutes. Because he was functioning so well, and because the only detectable abnormality was in memory, the Center diagnosed mild cognitive impairment. However, we also told them that this could well be early Alzheimer's disease and that his condition could worsen.

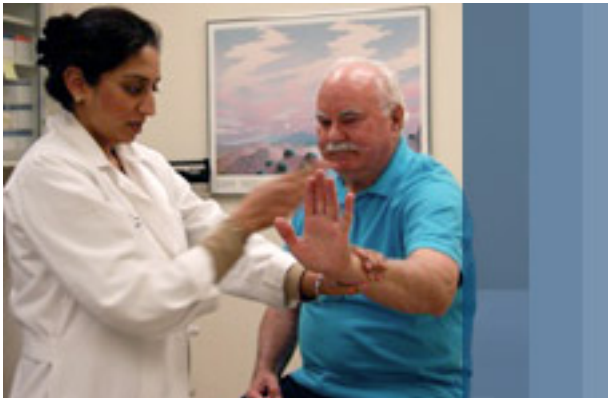
"We had had bad experiences with an outside neurologist. He was not helpful at all. Not only was James was misdiagnosed but the neurologist never spend to the time to give us information, explanations, or referrals. We felt lost. Here at the center, we see not only wonderful doctors but also psychologists, nurses, and other specialists. They have all been so kind and helpful. Our PCP would never have been able to provide the extensive testing we had or the expertise the practitioners offered us at the center."

The Martinez CADC has followed him over the last several years. Unfortunately, his memory continued to deteriorate to the point that it began to interfere with many routine activities. His wife had to take over almost all of the running of the household, and he had more and more trouble fixing his cars. His diagnosis changed to Alzheimer's disease.

"Oh gosh.... Your clinic has helped us in so many ways I don't know where to begin. When his diagnosis changed from mild cognitive impairment to Alzheimer's disease, I felt confident that it was correct. He had been through so many evaluations and tests. At the clinic, we were given a lot of helpful referrals in and information. Understanding the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease helped us to be not so frightened or scared but rather prepared us to deal with it and move forward with our lives."

The Vogt's have done a remarkable job of living with AD. They truly make the most of what they can do and continue to enjoy life. Recently he enrolled in clinical drug trial that is testing a new medication for Alzheimer's.

"I am so glad that we can be a part of the pathway to finding a cure or important information about Alzheimer's disease. While we hope that James improves on the experimental drug he is taking, even if he does not, I will feel better knowing we have at least tried all that we can to help him and others. In addition, in the clinical trial, James gets so much personal attention and care. For example, during the screening for the clinical trial it was discovered the one of his medications was causing a serious potentially life threatening condition. Through the recommendations of your neurologists, James' medications were changed and he is doing much better now."



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